

## RALPH CHARLES, FIREMAN, DEAD

Served in Navy During World War; Funeral Services to Be Tomorrow.

Ralph L. Charles, veteran member of the Indianapolis Fire Department, died last night at his home, 2227 Brookside Ave. He was 46 and had been ill for a month.

Mr. Charles was born in Indianapolis and served in the U. S. Navy during the World War. He had been a member of the Fire Department for 22 years.

He was a member of the Heath Memorial Presbyterian Church, Marion Lodge, 35, F. & A. M., Sahara Grange, the Indiana Firemen's Association, the International Fire-fighters' Association, the Firemen's Craft Guild and the Frank T. Strayer Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Wadsworth Funeral Home and burial will be in Washington Park.

Mr. Charles is survived by his wife, Mrs. Aileen A. Charles; three daughters, Betty Lou Charles, Sara Frances Charles and Myla (Peggy) Charles; his father, Abe L. Charles; four sisters, Mrs. Merle Thorp and Mrs. Florence Pein of Indianapolis; Mrs. Edna Goldfarb, Chicago, and Mrs. Myla Urban, Detroit, and a brother, Howard Charles, Indianapolis.

Thomas A. McCurdy

Funeral services for Thomas A. McCurdy, retired Marion County farmer, were held at 10 a. m. today in the Clermont Methodist Church. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Mr. McCurdy was 73 and died Saturday at the home of his son, Hoyt McCurdy, 27 S. Whitcomb Ave. He was a member of the Clermont Methodist Church and also of the Red Men's Lodge. His wife, Mrs. Ella McCurdy, died last year.

Surviving Mr. McCurdy, besides his son, are a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Brewer, and a brother, Hanford McCurdy, both of Indianapolis.

John Caldwell

Funeral services for John Caldwell, a resident of Indianapolis for 27 years, will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow in the Conkle Funeral Home. Burial will be in Clermont.

Mr. Caldwell, who was 78, died at 1168 Centennial St. He was a native of Hutchinson and was an employee of the Prest-O-Lite Co. for 12 years. He was a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is survived by a son, Ralph Caldwell.

## Rites Tomorrow



James Edward Krichbaum  
he would have been 5 Friday.

Funeral services for James Edward Krichbaum, who would have been 5 years old Friday, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Bethany Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Washington Park.

James was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Krichbaum, 2712 Barth Ave. Mr. Krichbaum is employed by the General Outdoor Advertising Co. James, who had been ill for a week, died Sunday in Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his parents; a sister, Dorothy Jane, and his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Krichbaum, Martinsville.

## QUIZ EX-CHEF IN POISON DEATHS

12 Men Succumb, 43 Others  
Violently Ill From  
Roach Powder.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 12 (U. P.)—A former chef was questioned in Philadelphia today about the poison deaths of 12 men and violent illness of 43 others as result of eating pancakes tainted with sodium fluoride, a roach powder resembling flour.

The poisoning took place yesterday at the Pittsburgh Salvation Army center during the Monday morning "handout." The men sat down to a breakfast of pancakes, bacon and coffee. A few hours later they began dying, writhing in pain and were taken to hospitals. Two men died at the center before they could be moved; the others at hospitals.

Discharged Chef Sought

Police immediately began searching for the discharged chef who Adj. Roy Barber said had threatened to "eat even." They believed he had fled to Philadelphia.

Early today Philadelphia police detained Larry Mertz, 43, for questioning in connection with the poisoning. He was described as a former chef in the Salvation Army home here. Mertz said he had worked in Pittsburgh until October and then went to Philadelphia where he had remained since.

Adj. Barber said the chef had been discharged a month ago because his work was not satisfactory. Arthur Wilson, 30, was hired and yesterday he used the last of the center's supply of flour in a large aluminum can. Adj. Barber said the center had bought 10 pounds of sodium fluoride last summer, but that all of it had been used.

Scooped Flour Off Bottom

Knowledge of the fatalities caused by the tainted pancakes was withheld from Cook Wilson, himself a patient in St. Margaret's Hospital because he ate one of his own flapjacks.

Mr. Wilson said he mixed the pancake batter the same way he always had in his eight years as a chef. The only difference, he said, was that he scooped the flour from the bottom of the hopper for the first time since he started to work at the Center three weeks ago.

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## JOHN CHANDLER RITES PLANNED

Burns Suffered Oct. 21 Are  
Fatal; Spent Entire  
Life in County.

Funeral services for John Chandler, 3201 Broadway, who died yesterday of burns received Oct. 21 when tar he was handling exploded, will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the home and burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mr. Chandler, who was 62, died in Methodist Hospital. He was a toy manufacturer and the accident occurred at his shop, 708 E. 16th St.

He was a lifelong resident of Marion County and a member of the Alpha Lodge, B. & A. M. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cora Chandler; two sons, Jack Chandler and Arthur Chandler; two daughters, Frances Chandler and Jean Chandler; two sisters, Mrs. Sallie C. Johnson, all of Indianapolis, and Mrs. R. A. Meek, Los Angeles, Calif., and two brothers, Frank Chandler, Indianapolis, and Edward M. Chandler, Alcoa, Tenn.

### Mrs. Mabel Clark

Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel Clark, 1211 Hanna Ave., who died Saturday in City Hospital after a short illness, were held at 2 p. m. today in the Garfield Park Baptist Church. Burial was to be in Washington Park.

Mrs. Clark was 38 and lived in Indianapolis for 18 years. She was born in Jennings County and was married to Fred G. Clark in Columbus. The couple came to Indianapolis in 1922. Mrs. Clark was a member of the Downey Avenue Christian Church.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Pearl Clark; a son, J. D. Clark; her parents; Mr. and Mrs. H. Schadinger; four sisters, Mrs. Glenn Benjamin, Mrs. Frank Cline, Mrs. Helen Myers and Mrs. Ernest Krick; four half-brothers, Earl Bailey, Harvey Bailey, the Rev. H. J. Bailey and William H. Bailey, and a brother, Henry Schadinger.

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